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## TOMORROW'S STARS IN THE MAKING



—Photo courtesy "Argus."

**OUTSTANDING** Junior centre-forward, **GEORGE JEAVONS** (left) is an example of the fine coaching the Preston club offers to the local boys. With Harrabbin (right) Jeavons was the spear-head of the Preston Under 17 attack last season. Both boys will soon be an asset to the Senior team. Seen tackling, Jeavons is South Melbourne United's youthful inside-left. George Stiles, who this year has graduated to the First team. (Preston club are featured this week under "Know Your Club.")

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## NOTICE

"Soccer News" wants good photographs of players, action shots, and officials. If you have any that you think suitable for reproduction, send them along.

## Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



Success of the Association's scheme to play two games at the Easter weekend was assured by the huge crowds at leading games. Footscray City, after their defeat by Hakoah on Saturday, were pleasantly reassured by the attendance at Kingsville at the meeting with Prahran.

Surprises of the week-end were the colossal defeat of Prahran by Box Hill who were only able to beat Brighton by the odd goal on Monday. South Yarra, on their toes after their defeat by Park Rangers in last year's Cup Final, never looked like losing at Olympic Park on Monday. The old firm of Whittaker and Sharpe broke up every dangerous attack. "Soccer News" trip to Geelong on Sunday has set many doubts at rest, for we understand that the future of the Dockerty Cup this year lies in the hands of one of two teams—Geelong Celtic or International Harvester.

Impressions of our columnists, Percy Searle, and technical expert, Ralph White, were that if keenness counts for anything Geelong has what it takes. Personally speaking purely as Editor, I am of the opinion that Geelongites, if they can play football as well as they can "bash the ear" will undoubtedly sweep the board.

But jokes aside, it is a grand thing that people like Frank McGarry and his fellow-committeemen and women (Good luck, Jessie), are trying so hard to put soccer on the map in the Western District. The admission of International Harvester into the Third Division, instead of Northcote will do a lot to help these hardy newcomers.

The question of Northcote brings us to a point which we have to make. How much longer must the Association have to tolerate clubs which it has done so much to stimulate and assist? Northcote, who failed last year, this year applied for re-admission—which was granted. Months later, with fixture lists drawn up, all clubs ready to play their games and two weeks' copies of "Soccer News" forwarded, the Association receives word that this club is disbanded—and only two months previously! It will be interesting to know what action the League Management Committee proposes to take in such cases, for surely a great service to soccer is being done by this kind of thing. To turn to more pleasant things, it is a wonderful relaxation for we older blokes to scoot around and watch some of the Junior games. What these youngsters lack in skill they certainly make up in enthusiasm. Such men as Norm Shingles, Bill Bowman and Alec Mackie (to name but a few) deserve a great hand for what they have done and are doing to help these young enthusiasts to learn this great game, which they have so few chances to enjoy.

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## MOULDING THE CLAY

By A. S. JARVIS

It is generally agreed that most clubs have difficulty in their efforts to coach senior players, as they have either become fixed in their style of play or they think they know more about the game than the coach. Consequently, the results of intelligent coaching will best be obtained by concentrating on the juniors, from schoolboys up to the 18 years group.

These boys require coaching each year as they reach each higher age group, and there are several ways in which this coaching could be given.

Two years ago the Queensland Soccer Association endeavored to get a coach from overseas at a fee of about £500 a year. His duties, no doubt, would be to act as the State coach and to organise plans for the coaching of players throughout the various State associations.

This would mean that his ideas would be passed on to club coaches, who in turn would carry out the principles laid down by him. In this way all clubs would be using the same methods, so that if a player transferred to another club he would be able to develop his game under similar conditions, as coaching methods would be the same.

However, quite a number of clubs possibly have no coach at all and every member of the committee has different ideas. I would suggest that clubs and players would derive considerable knowledge and benefit by taking advantage of soccer coaching films, available from the State Film Centre. I consider that to reach the majority of players it is necessary for these films to be shown in each district where a soccer club exists, and this could be arranged by the Propaganda committee in conjunction with the clubs. After seeing the films, it would then be the club coach's job to apply the methods on the field, and with the assistance of experienced senior players, large groups of juniors could be handled efficiently. However, to the junior who aspires to be a first-class footballer, there is no short cut to fame, and your motto should always be "Practice, Practice, Practice." Finally, many good soccer players of the 1920's and 1930's have been allowed to drift out of the game, and some of these men would make suitable coaches for any club.

It is incumbent on both the clubs and the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association to bring these men out of retirement and convince them that there is a worthwhile job to be done in coaching boys to become good soccer players; especially the schoolboy of today, who is the probable Australian representative at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956.



—"Argus" photo.

HARRY ASHWORTH, famous Prahran goalie, who played for Victoria against South Africa at the M.C.G., shows in practice how to take a hot shot in the corner of the goal.

## THE CRITICS CAUGHT

Meier (Hakoah), as dangerous as ever. Footscray defenders could afford to take no chances with this only too well known menace. Freddy Greig (Footscray City), a little rounder in the figure than in his Air Force days, still a hard man to pass. His duels with Meier on Saturday were worth watching.

Bentleigh, with their 7-0 victory over Macedonians, proved that in Division Three (South) no team can afford to take them cheaply.

Hollis (Navy), exponent of the "Stopper" centre-half style of play, sewed up the JUST attack throughout most of Saturday's game. Navy, while shaky in attack, have few equals as a defensive force.

Park Rangers' hard, fast attack shook Sandringham in the early stages, goalkeeper, Davies, pulling them out of many tight spots. Rangers wilted slightly later and Hammers pressed home attack. Wilson, Mulcahy and Forrest, of Rangers, kept them on their toes to the whistle.

Stalemate on Saturday, with Kennedy (Moreland) breaking up Brighton's left-wing attacks. Hardman (Moreland) and Douglas were hard to hold. Brighton (visitors) scraped home—more punch wanted in forward line. McMurray (right-half) saved them a lot of worry.

Wasted corner-kicks by South Yarra. Sharman tossed 7 over the line in the first half. High light of Yarra's victory: first-time clearances by old-timer, Tom Sharpe, rarely seen in today's football.

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

### THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

International Harvesters will take the place of Northcote in the above Division as from and including April 8. Substitute International Harvesters for Northcote in the official V.A.S.F.A. Handbook.

Metters S.C. are unable to play their fixtures at present. Treat all Metters fixtures as cancelled unless you are informed by me otherwise.

### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

JUST Change of Address.—The address of the secretary (Mr. Ivan Kuketz) is now Birmingham Hotel, 335 Smith Street, Fitzroy.

### THIRD DIVISION RESERVES

As International Harvesters have been placed in another Division all matches listed for them in the official booklet will be treated as cancelled. I regret the short notice which has been given to clubs on the above matter, but these alterations must be effected immediately to ensure the smooth working of the League.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

### CHANGE OF SECRETARY.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. A. S. Jarvis has been forced to resign the secretaryship of Box Hill. Mr. G. L. Hutchison, 5 Linden Street, Blackburn, has been appointed to the vacancy. All correspondence should now be addressed to Mr. Hutchison.

### REFEREES

Where clubs change their grounds or have to postpone matches in addition to notifying the secretary of the V.A.S.F.A., they are requested to contact Mr. G. Drummond, 10 Billson Street, Brighton, S.6., Telephone XB 1475, who will contact the referees who have been allocated to the matches.

S. BEATON, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

The League Management Committee has resolved that where a referee has to make his own travelling arrangements when chosen to officiate at Yallourn, Geelong or Flinders Naval Depot he shall be paid normal travelling expenses in addition to his normal fee. All visiting clubs to the above grounds are requested to make arrangements to pick up referees and transport them to the grounds. This can be done by notifying Mr. G. Drummond, 10 Billson St., Brighton, S.6.

# GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

## A VOICE FROM YALLOURN

Since your visit to Yallourn I have been thinking over many things regarding our old game. I think you and I had many things in common as far as the advancement of the game went. So I have attempted a few lines which you might think worth printing in "Soccer News." I don't quite know under what heading—perhaps you could find one. It's something like this:—

Just prior to the season opening it was stated in the press that soccer was in for a record season. Grounds could not be found for all who wished to play. To all soccerites this is indeed very nice news. I think we all know the real reason for this—the big influx of overseas personnel. Never have we had such an opportunity to boost our game. We have had in the past the same sort of immigration (in a lesser degree). The game then, as now, showed an instant improvement, but as immigration ceased and these players drifted away, or became less efficient with age, the game deteriorated to a very low level. Will this happen again? Having learned our lesson, let's see to it that we make the best use of this golden opportunity, while we have such good material for our schoolboys to pattern their play. For, no doubt, it is on the schoolboy all our efforts should be concentrated. We do have Junior competition, but one glance should prove that it is not nearly big enough by far.

If there are 40 and 50 grounds where soccer is played, there should be that number of schoolboy teams. Our failure to cater for the schoolboy will be the biggest certainty we shall return to our previous low standard of pre-war.

New South Wales have always showed Victoria to be a very low grade, mainly because N.S.W. have thousands of boys compared with Victoria's poor "One Hundred." I would like to see it be the policy of our Victorian Senior governing body to force all clubs to have schoolboy teams, especially should it be so that First and Second Division clubs only retain their First and Second Division status on guaranteeing to run schoolboys. In Yallourn we have some 80 boys playing. In relation to Melbourne's  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million population, there should be about 10 or 12 thousand boys playing there.

Another very important matter that must be in the mind of our soccer council is the 1956 Olympic Games. When are we soccerites going to see the game played in its proper environment and not on these big playing areas such as the M.C.G. and Olympic Park, where the touch lines are 30 and 40 yards from the picket fence. What is needed is a ground where the spectators are close to the touch lines, as they are in the "Old Country," where every move can be followed and enjoyed as it ought to be. It would not take up much room to fulfil our requirements, to hold 12-14 thousand. Other bodies are getting in for improvements which will be to their benefit after the games; so why not the Soccer? Maybe it would be a good time to interview the Olympic Games committee on this matter. I have seen all visiting teams over the past 20 years, and have never been impressed watching the game at the M.C.G., for the reason I have stated.—T. EVANS, Yallourn.

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## Club Correspondents Please Note !

All matter for publication in "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor by first post on Monday mornings. Please write clearly in ink—typewriter copy is preferred.

# Pertinent Pars.

By PERCY SEARLE

**FAUX PAS**  
News to me last week that "hot suppers" were provided at soccer game. A printer's error must have produced many a laugh among the fans.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT!**  
A hot cup of tea ("hot cupper") is welcome on those bleak, cold and wind days, you'll agree. Of course, we could make that "supper" idea come true by staging night soccer by 1960 or 1970!

**THAT F.A. TROPHY**  
Would be interesting to know when Interstate Games are to be revived. Maybe many readers do not know there is a trophy presented by the English F.A. for Interstate competition. Present holders are N.S.W. So long since it was last played for, N.S.W. probably think they own it.

**TAKES THE EYE**  
This time of the year many city shoppers are often attracted by window displays featuring various League and Association teams, membership cards, trophies, photographs of past and present stars, and colorful jerseys. It's a good advt. for the club featured, whilst giving Aussie Rules a boost.

**JOB FOR SOMEONE**  
We are slipping somewhere that we haven't taken this angle up. With our international flavor and a little imagination, a window display could be put on that would "rock 'em in the street," as it were.

**BOUQUET FOR THE LADIES**  
A tribute must be paid for all the women supporters, wives of officials, etc., who, behind the scene, play a vital part in the success of our clubs and State body. Their keenness, initiative and loyalty has been a large factor in the continued progress of the game.

Rumor has it that Branko Vidjak, star centre of Yugoslav team out here last season, will be seen at Rio for World Cup Series.

**WE LEAD — OTHERS FOLLOW**  
"Soccer News" of 1948 featured an Essay Competition entitled "Why I Prefer to Play Soccer." Similar idea is now featured by a leading daily for Aussie Rule for Junior fans.

A new executive at Moreland intends to build on sound foundations. If those Junior teams mooted for next season appear, we'll know they mean business.

**SLEEPY HOLLOW!**  
It's a happy gang at Geelong, believe me. "Flying squad" visit by the publicity boys last Sunday came away with the impression that our code could not be in better hands.

**WORLD CUP**  
Soccer followers throughout the world will soon be focussing their attention on the World Cup Series at Rio de Janeiro. Thousands of players, officials, pressmen and fans will fly from all quarters of the Globe. The world's 16 leading soccer nations will battle for the Cup.

**POST THAT COPY AWAY**  
One reader, pleased with our paper, is getting an extra copy to send to his old club on the other side. It will certainly awaken interest in Victorian soccer and spotlight names that may be news in 1956.

**NUMBERED JERSEYS**  
Numbering of players' jerseys is increasing among clubs along with the use of printed team lists. Favorable comment heard along the touch line.

## KNOW YOUR CLUBS — 3

### PRESTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL OLD BOYS S.C.

In 1938 a little boy named Paul Easton insisted at the Preston Tech. that he wanted to play soccer. So the sportsmaster told him that if he could get sufficient boys to form a team, to go ahead. Paul got enough boys and so soccer started at Preston.

The boys played at school and later when they left school they formed the "Old Boys" club and in 1942 won the Salmon Cup and the Metropolitan Junior Premiership. In 1944 Mr. Henri Liepold came on the scene and began coaching Juniors and the following year (1945) he and his brother, J. Liepold, and H. Plummer formed a Senior club. The club owes much to the efforts of the Liepold brothers, who originally came from France, and are still with the club. J. Liepold, as president and his brother Henri (retiring president), still taking a very active part in club affairs.

Preston Juniors have won the Salmon Cup three times, the Miller Cup twice, the Dunkling Shield twice, and the J. J. Liston Cup and Cummings Cup once each.

Present Senior side is a good blending of local boys and overseas players. Among the former are S. Rackham (last year's captain), M. Buff and K. Wookey, all of whom have represented Victoria as Juniors. Newcomers from overseas include F. Buckley, from English professional side (Middlesborough); H. Bracewell, of Oldham Athletic; J. Leece, from Bolton, and J. Finnerty, from the Lancashire Combination. C. McEwen, from Dundee, has the Juniors in hand this year, and the club has a very capable secretary in A. Clark. With an impressive win over Yarraville by 9 goals to 2 in their first game, Preston look as though they may this season achieve that promotion to the First Division, which has eluded them so long.

NEXT WEEK: "NAVY."

## Success v. Failure

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## CLUB JOTTINGS

Owing to the great keenness of clubs to get their notes in at present, we regret that these notes must be limited to about 200 words per club each issue. We trust that any correspondent whose notes have had to be "pruned" will understand.—(Ed.).

### GEELONG GOSSIP

The unexpected inclusion of International Harvesters in the Third Division (North) gives soccer a boost in Geelong which it has not enjoyed for many years.

Geelong Celtic, after a fine start to the season, are determined to go on to high honors, and may well do so. The side is composed wholly of English and Scottish student teachers at the new Geelong Teachers' Training College. Several members have played with well-known amateur clubs in the "Old Country," and combine their favorite game with their studies to a nicety.

International Harvesters are a very strong side, likewise fielding mostly migrants, but boasting the services of D. Frew, late of South Yarra, and Sid Taylor, a player in the old Geelong Eleven, and more recently with South Melbourne.

Together, these two teams are mastering difficulties and hoping to put soccer on a solid basis in this corner of Victoria.

### BOX HILL'S NEW PLAYERS

New players to Box Hill are in great numbers, and quite a few are destined for the First team. Bert Nicholson, from Brighton (at right-back), also his brother, from Sydney, will be a strong contender for goal-keeper, despite the fact that Alan Gravell, our international goal-keeper, has returned. R. Faulkner (at half-right), from London, is likely to play in that position. Then there is I. Tait (centre-forward), from Prahran; also Jim Neil, from England, who has been playing in Sydney. Jim served on the "Implacable," the same ship as C. Brown, the centre-half, during the war. He was demobbed in Australia. There are other players, when they get into former condition, will quite likely make the team. All last season's team, except J. Bailey, who has retired, are available. We wish Jack the best of luck in retirement. Box Hill will miss him as a player, but we know he will be on the touch-line encouraging us.

Bob McFetters is the captain and coach of Box Hill this season, and we wish him every success. Bob took the boys at ball control during the summer, and we hope it pays dividends. Bob and Alex Goddard have been putting the players through pretty strenuous exercises during the past few weeks, so Box Hill will be fit when they take the field.

Box Hill have now hot showers installed. Thanks are due to our president (G. Benson) and A. Jarvis, and to Box Hill Council for installing and allowing us to use them. A Jarvis has retired from secretaryship. We are sorry to have lost him, but thanks are due to him for the good work done during the past 18 months as secretary. We trust he will still help in every way possible. Lester Hutchinson is our new secretary, and we wish him the very best of luck.

### WILLIAMSTOWN EXPECTS A GOOD SEASON

Williamstown club got away to a flying start for Season 1950. Mr. Bill Ritchie has again assumed the reins of presidency, and foundation secretary Mr. I. C. McDonald has returned and taken over that position once again. Treasurer is the champ., Mr. Len Morris.

Among last season's players who are showing out and look like again having a good season are Bobby Todd, a grand steady player, who is always there when needed; stalwart Jack Harrop is again his old steady self, while Les MacDonald, Norm Coleman, and Albie Speak are also playing good soccer. Among the



new brigade players who have already come under notice include Bob Wilkie, Joe Farkota, Sam Amato, Terry Robinson and Len Foster. All these and a few more are giving club officers the optimism to say that 1950 appears to be going to be Williamstown's best season to date.

Social games are played every Sunday against members of ships visiting Melbourne. These games are arranged per medium of the Williamstown Seamen's Mission, with special thanks going to Mr. Clark, padre at Williamstown Mission. Plans are in hand for the trips to Flinders Naval Depot during the year as in the past years. It has been suggested that Stan Cameron take his camera and have the resulting photos kept for further use. If this should happen, there may be a few new Rechabites in the club.

### THE WHITE EAGLES HAVE HOPES

The White Eagles, a newcomer to the soccer field in the Third Division, have high hopes of giving a good account of themselves before the end of the season. Due largely to the untiring efforts of their secretary, V. Markovich, they formed a club, found a ground and secured the equipment. They also have a fair number of enthusiastic followers.

We wish all soccer clubs a good season for 1950, and look forward to an enjoyable time together.

### RINGWOOD CLUB LOOKS FORWARD

After the usual pre-season activities, Ringwood club is looking forward to the 1950 season. The early start this year did not allow the usual preparations in the district. During the off season this club had been active in the publicity field and social events, chiefly our fortnightly dances, were carried right through. The publicity drive has been well worth the effort and the club now finds itself in a financial position which must make the hearts of our club's pioneers glow with pride. Good work has been done in the formation of the new ground at Bedford Park. It is hoped to change over about the middle of the season. The

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## Save our Native Fauna No. 5

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Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

enthusiasm shown by our Junior brigade is an inspiring feature at Ringwood. It is felt that the decision to foster Junior teams in Ringwood will soon pay the dividends desired, namely the local product. On this, the opening day of Season 1950, we wish all clubs a good season. To any new Australians who read this "Soccer News" and may be in the vicinity of Ringwood, we extend to them a hearty welcome and the hand of friendship. Meetings of the committee are held each Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Ringwood Town Hall.

### COBURG

Since last year, when Coburg only had a junior club, they have had an uphill battle to get going this season. Mr. Carlsen, Mr. McCarthy and other committeemen have been busy since last September getting together all the soccerites in the district. This response has been well worth their efforts, as they are now fielding four teams, namely, Schoolboys, Juniors, Seniors and Reserve.

With the assistance of Bill Adams, who used to play goalkeeper for South Melbourne round about 1926, the Schoolboys got away to a good start. Bill is now taken on the training of these boys. He hopes to have two Schoolboys teams going next season, as already he has quite a lot of new recruits.

A ladies' committee has also been formed to arrange for card nights, dances, picnics, etc., to raise funds; no doubt the club will need them. A large committee of old soccer players has also been formed—some from the Pascoe Vale area, including Messrs. Nash, D. Huckvale, A. Chambers, Smith and Brown. Mr. Brown is now representing the club at the Junior Association. This gentleman will be an asset to the club in general, with his knowledge of soccer in England.

The support of all soccer fans in Coburg would be appreciated at games and social functions, which are advertised in the local "Courier."

Intending members interested in the club should contact the secretary (Mr. R. Carlsen), 180 O'Heas Street, Coburg. Training takes place every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at Cole's Reserve, Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale home ground.

### PARK RANGERS v. SANDRINGHAM

This match turned out to be as thrilling as had been anticipated. After 45 minutes of brilliant football, in which Forrest at half-back stood out, the Rangers led by one goal. Although the home team had most of the play, the Sandringham goal-keeper prevented any further score.

In the second half, the tables were turned, and the visitors dominated the game and were able to notch three goals in spite of a fine display by the Rangers' goalie. An observer commented that either goalie would be good enough to go into a Victorian eleven.

Another feature of the match was that each side failed to convert one penalty. Finally, what has happened to the Rangers' stamina? Last season they were noted for their second-half efforts, but this year they are no longer a 90 minute team. Two goals for and five against does not amount to championship or Final form.

The only Ranger teams to win last Saturday were the Reserves, who accounted for Sandringham and the Under 14 Juniors, who defeated Preston, 13-0. The young centre-forward, Sykes, scored 9 goals. He and his other forwards deserve congratulations for their efforts.

### JUVENTUS v. GEORGE CROSS

In a close, hard fought match, staged at Royal Park between traditional rivals, Juventus and George Cross, the latter team won by the odd goal, 2-1. A very large crowd witnessed a torrid first-half, in which George Cross scored first goal after 33 minutes play.

On resumption of play, Juventus, by the good play of Carollo and Manzi, were continually attacking and were rewarded with a goal by centre-forward, Niewalda, who headed the ball into the net with beautiful anticipation.

With only four minutes to play left, George Cross scored the deciding goal, so ending a spirited and at times very rough match.

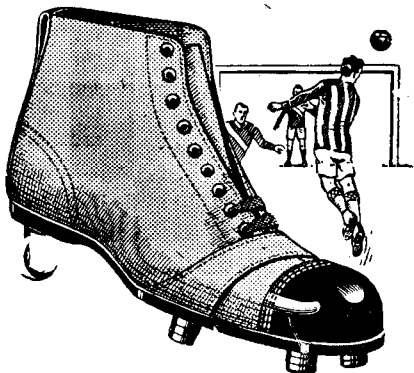
Juventus Reserves defeated George Cross Reserves by 2-0. The match was well fought and was played under ideal conditions.

**YARRAVILLE v. UNIVERSITY**

Both teams kicked off at 3 p.m.. The play was spoiled as far as soccer was concerned, as the ground was waterlogged. Yarraville scored first when Baker sent a pass through to Hamilton, who after beating two opponents, put the ball in the net, giving Yarraville their first goal. Play then became very erratic. Yarraville added a further goal through a good piece of work by Baker and Scott, which finished up with Hamilton scoring. Yarraville team suffered a severe setback through a bad injury to their centre-half, G. Brydson, who was playing a good game until his mishap. After the interval, Yarraville were attacking, but some good work by University defences held the Yarraville forward line. University began to press as the second half was nearing the end, and through some lovely play by the right wing the centre-forward was able to put the ball in the net, making the score 2-1 in Yarraville's favor. After centreing the ball, University flung everything into the attack, but Yarraville's defence held the day. For Yarraville were W. Hamilton, T. Brydson, J. Baker, D. Roddick and G. Brydson (until his accident). J. Andrews, new goal-keeper, played a good game in goals.

**BENTLEIGH**

Having beaten Macedonians by 7 goals to nil on Saturday, we would like to congratulate Geo. Charge for his great display, and also Russ Silverman. They both played the right type of game for their respective positions. We were, however, beaten on Monday by the Navy by 7 goals to nil. We saw a glorious display. The Navy fully deserved the win, and had it not been for the great display by the goalie (G. Stevens) and again by Geo. Charge, the result would have been greater. The Juniors are showing us the way to win, and have had great success in the first games. We thank Mr. Bob Scullion for coming along to coach them; they are very keen and have some good boys coming along. Supporters, don't forget our Whist Drives, etc., on the first Tuesday of the month at the R.S.L. Hall, Bentleigh, and bring your friends along.



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**SOUTH YARRA v. SUNSHINE**

With K. Lott deputising for M. Reynolds, South Yarra had only one change from the previous week. This game, played at Fawcner Park, was a good hard game with the defences of both teams standing out. From the attacks which took place, Yarra's forwards looked more dangerous, and from a movement on the left-wing Sharman placed perfectly for Stoddart to open the scoring. Sunshine attacked and a good shot from Lowe was well handled by K. Lott, who was showing up well in goal. With the half-backs of both sides playing well, the forwards were pegged down and once again Yarra nearly scored when a cross from Sharman was headed over the bar. Drennan, of Sunshine, was the mover of Sunshine attacks, his passes trying to find a loophole, but Yarra's defence was on top. Half-time, 1-0. On resuming, Sunshine attacked and from a cross from the right, Yarra were lucky to see the ball going right across goal and going behind. Shortly after, Yarra received a penalty for hands, and from the spot-kick Stoddart sent weakly past. Lowe and Drennan were working hard to break through, but of no avail, and 10 minutes from the end Sharman with a hard drive, notched number 2-0. Sunshine kept trying hard but for Whittaker, Lott and Orr too good on the day, and the game finished with Yarra winning a well-deserved victory by 2-0. Well done, Yarra.

**FIFERS SOCCER CLUB**

Our first home match against Coburg attracted a good attendance from both clubs. It is indeed gratifying to see such interest, and we trust the same keenness will be maintained throughout the season. This first match was a triumph of team-work and exemplified to the full the value of a skipper on the field, whose experience can have such a steadying influence. Jack McLean captained the team from right-half and gave a very polished display, at the same time remembering to give advice and encouragement where needed. When a team plays so well together it is invidious to single out best and fairest players. Mr. J. Beveridge has accepted a post on the Disciplinary Committee. His long experience and wide vision will be of value on a committee, whose job we trust, will be honorary only. The club's next social engagement has now been finalised for April 22, taking the form of a social and dance, commencing at 8 p.m. in the Fairfield Rifle Club, Wingrove Street, Fairfield. Remember, all are invited and will be shown a real Fifers' welcome.

**STRATHEDEN, "CHAMPIONS OF FLEET," TO MEET PARK RANGERS**

Sunday, April 16 is the date; Park Rangers' ground, between the Middle Park Chalet and the lake is the place; whilst 3 p.m. is the time. The Padre of the Port Melbourne branch of the Missions to Seamen has arranged for the "Stratheden," the champion team of the P. & O. fleet, to meet the Park Rangers' strongest team at the aforementioned date, place and time. A collection will be made, proceeds of which will aid the Missions to Seamen and the South Melbourne Community Chest. "Stratheden" met Metters-Canterbury in Sydney last Sunday, but up to time of writing the result is not known. This may be Jackie Wilson's final appearance before leaving for South Africa with the Australian team.

**Note this Date.**—Make April 29 the date to keep in mind if it's dancing in a bright, friendly atmosphere that you are after. Park Rangers kick-off the monthly dances at the usual place, Christ Church Hall, Acland Street, St. Kilda, on that night. Even if the trams are not running by then, it's only a short distance from St. Kilda railway station. J. Stephen is hon. secretary.

**BOX HILL**

Box Hill thrashed Prahran to the tune of 8-1 and so made a good start for the season. The game was very interesting, especially the first half, when it was fairly even with both sides playing good soccer, but it was seen as the game progressed, that the Hillmen were getting on top, mainly due to the good passing and their straight-for-goal methods. McDonald put finishing touches to a chain of good passing right down the field. This was the only goal in the first half. The second half saw Box Hill go straight down and score their second, and from then on it was all Box Hill, adding another six goals to Prahran's one. Ashworth (Prahran) saved his side from having more goals recorded against it with some good saves. Goal scorers: Neil (3), McDonald (3), Hutchinson (1), McFetters (1). All other Box Hill teams won: Reserves, 3-1; Thirds, 4-1; Under 16, 6-0; Under 14, 11-0.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



Owing to lack of space, letters should not exceed 150 words.—(Ed.).

Sir,—May I extend the congratulations of the Williamstown club on your effort to make "Soccer News" a paper worth while.—Yours in Sport,

I. C. McDONALD, Hon. Secretary.

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate you on the first issue of "Soccer News" for 1950. Since the inception, the paper has had a chequered career, but now in its present form should be a great success and a powerful agent for increased interest in the game. I note in your editorial, statements on the number of clubs which will be playing this year. The influx of new Australians from overseas are no doubt the cause of this, and while it is probably very desirable the matter of quality should not be forgotten in quantity. I witnessed on the opening day so-called soccer, which, to my mind, was no advertisement for the game. It is not for me, a mere onlooker, to say to the powers that be what should or should not be done, but it does appear that stern action and education, otherwise coaching of clubs, is most essential. Again wishing your paper every success for Season 1950.—Yours, etc.,

A. ROTHNIE.

Sir,—I feel that congratulations are due for the marvellous improvement in "Soccer News." I think that the photographs and the articles will be a big help in making "Soccer News" a financial success. However, as a Junior, I feel that the price of sixpence is a little steep for the limited pockets of most Juniors. I have only one criticism of last week's issue. The description of the game between Footscray City and South Yarra was repeated in Footscray's Club Jottings; and as nothing else except the match was described in the jottings, I think that the valuable space should have been given to some other club.—Yours, in Sport,

ALAN ROBISON.

With regard to the price, I am afraid we can do nothing to help you, Alan. As far as Club Notes go, we agree it is a mistake to have too much description of games, and they are stale by the time they appear. Home teams only should send reports on games to avoid contradiction and repetition.—Editor.]

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# JUNIOR SECTION

## SANDRINGHAM CITY JUNIORS

At the commencement of the 1950 season great improvement is shown with our Juniors. This season we are fielding three Junior teams—under the ages of 14, 16 and 19. Our Under 14 side is being capably skippered by P. Duckworth, J. Haycroft is doing a great job as captain of the Under 16's, and the leadership of the Under 19's is in the capable hands of T. Frazer.

After serious discussion by our general committee, it was decided that a Junior committee be formed, comprising only Juniors, and their three Junior coaches. It was also decided that a No. 2 account be formed for the sole purpose of accumulating funds for the Juniors for trips away, etc. It is pleasing to note that at present the Junior committee have accumulated a satisfactory financial position, which augurs well for the future.

The Junior committee is being conducted exceptionally well by M. Ross, chairman; T. Frazer, secretary; J. Haycroft, assist. secretary; and A. Robison, as treasurer. The plans to date are that the Under 19's will be visiting Tasmania at the close of the season.

Permission has been granted by the association for this club to run a Junior Lightning Carnival on King's Birthday week-end, and the general committee has shown their complete confidence in the Junior committee by giving them the privilege of conducting this carnival.

At the last Junior committee meeting Mr. D. Bingham was accepted as a member of the committee.

Programmes, outlining the events of the day, will be forwarded to all clubs fielding Junior teams. Handsome trophies will be presented to the winners of the respective age groups. We are anticipating that the Carnival will commence at 10 a.m. and the finals to be completed by 5 p.m. An added attraction will be our Senior team playing Woonooma Bulli from N.S.W.



## JUVENTUS JUNIORS v. METTERS JUNIORS—UNDER 19

Juventus Juniors had their first outing under competitive playing conditions when they drew with Metters Juniors, 1—1. Juventus centre-forward, Bevilacqua scored the goal for the home side.



## CHANGE OF DRESSING ROOMS

South Melbourne United's dressing arrangements are as follows:—Under 19 and Under 16 teams dress at South Melbourne Rowing Club, at the rear of South Melbourne Football Ground, facing the lake. Entrance is at the rear of Rowing Sheds. The dressing sheds are five minutes' walk from the ground, and is best reached by taking train to Albert Park station, or tram (Nos. 1 or 2A) in Swanston Street and alight at the South Melbourne Football Ground.

Dressing for the Under 14 Schoolboys is at Rugby Hall, Middle Park. Visiting Under 14 teams are requested to go direct to ground first, and from there they will be taken to dressing rooms.

The South Melbourne Under 14 "A" team will in future be wearing White Shirts with Red Vee, while the "B" team will be wearing Blue Shirts.

All visiting Senior teams to South Melbourne will also strip at the Rowing Sheds.



## HAKOAH IN FRIENDLY GAMES

For the first half of the League programme, Hakoah's Juniors have been granted permission to play over-age players, but all such games will only be counted as friendly games. Hakoah will forfeit all points to their opponents in this first half of the League programme.

# LEARN FROM VICTORIA'S STARS

## 3—The Centre Half's Play

By RALPH WHITE

In the modern style of play which has been practised by all first-class teams in England for many years and is now being popularised in Australia, the key man of the third-back system is the centre-half. This player, who is usually well built, is expected to be a strong tackler, to be good in the air and capable of dominating the middle of the field. His main task is to mark the opposing centre-forward very closely and to keep him from securing the ball.

The success of the third-back game depends very largely on the understanding and covering of the whole of the defence. For instance, when he goes to one side of the field to cover a full-back, the centre-half has to know that the other full-back is likewise covering his position. He must also have a complete understanding with his wing-halves, as these two players do most of the harrying work which enables the centre-half to make the final clearance. Also, he should make himself fully conversant with his goalkeeper's play and have a good understanding as regards passing the ball back and covering his goalie when under pressure.

Although in these days a centre-half is largely regarded as being purely a stopper, he is able to open up many attacks when in possession of the ball by a short ground pass to a wing-half or inside-forward, or a long pass out to the wing. This type of constructive play is of more value to the team than is the hard booting of the ball without aim or direction. The centre-half in his position in the middle of the field is ideally placed for directing his side's tactics, both in attack and defence.

Junior players who have the build and who favor the centre-half position are advised to concentrate first of all on tackling, headwork and accurate distribution of the ball. All players should aim to be two footed, but it is especially necessary in this position. They will find that ball control and positional sense will come with practice and as they gain experience.—Ralph White.

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## ARMY APPRENTICES HAVE ANOTHER TEAM

The Army Apprentices at Balcombe wish to announce that they have formed another Junior team at their camp. This team comprises players under the age of 18 years. This team is not this year in the competition, but are desirous of friendly games with other teams. Their ground is at Mornington, and they have vacant dates for their new team, which is to be known as their "B" team, on Saturdays, April 15 and 29, May 6, 13 and 27, and also on June 10. Their "A" team cannot play any away matches this year, but will welcome any other teams at Mornington. The secretary of Army Apprentices is 2/2143 Sgt. J. H. Woolhouse, c/o Army Apprentice Camp, Balcombe, Vic.

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## APPEAL FOR REFEREES

An urgent appeal is made for voluntary referees to take the whistle at 7 week Technical and High School games for this coming winter sports season. These matches will be played on a Wednesday afternoon, and it has been decided by a certain sports-master that unless the soccer authorities can provide schools with referees for their school games, it is possible that soccer will be omitted from the school sports list. The Junior Association views this very seriously, and urgently requests the assistance of soccer enthusiasts to act as honorary referees. The Junior Association secretary is Mr. 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda, S.2. Phone: LB 1444.

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Several clubs have not phoned in their results, so League results are 100 per cent. accurate. All clubs, please fulfil their obligations

# LEAGUE TABLES AS AT APRIL 10, 1950

	Goals								Goals						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
<b>First Division</b>															
Sandringham	3	3	0	0	8	2	6	Fifers	3	2	0	0	1	10	7
Box Hill	2	2	0	0	13	5	4	Melb. Rangers	3	2	0	0	1	13	10
South Yarra	3	2	0	1	5	3	4	Williamstown	2	2	0	0	1	0	4
S'shine United	3	2	0	1	6	4	4	Geelong Celtic	2	1	1	0	6	5	3
Prahran	3	2	0	1	10	10	4	Coburg	3	1	0	2	8	11	2
Footscray City	3	1	0	2	7	9	2	R. Caledonians	3	1	0	2	8	11	2
Hakoah	2	1	0	1	4	6	2	Int. Harvester	3	0	1	2	6	7	1
Brighton	3	0	1	2	6	9	1	Woodlands	3	0	0	3	5	21	0
Moreland	3	0	1	2	1	8	1	Metters (L.P.)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Park Rangers	3	0	0	3	2	6	0	<b>First Division Reserves</b>							
<b>Second Division</b>								South Yarra	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
Preston	3	3	0	0	22	3	6	Prahran	3	2	0	1	13	5	4
Yallourn	3	2	1	0	21	4	5	Park Rangers	3	2	0	1	10	4	4
George Cross	2	2	0	0	3	1	4	Hakoah	2	2	0	0	7	4	4
Yarraville	3	2	0	1	6	10	4	Brighton	3	2	0	1	8	5	4
Juventus	3	1	1	1	6	5	3	Box Hill	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Sth. Melbourne	2	1	0	1	8	5	2	Sandringham	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
West. Suburbs	2	1	0	1	5	6	2	Moreland	2	0	0	2	2	9	0
Melb. University	2	0	0	2	2	7	0	Footscray	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
Ringwood	3	0	0	3	3	18	0	Sunshine United	3	0	0	3	4	15	0
Heidelberg	3	0	0	3	0	17	0	<b>Second Division Reserves</b>							
<b>Third Division (South)</b>								Yallourn	3	3	0	0	26	3	6
Vic. Police	3	3	0	0	12	2	6	West Suburbs	3	2	0	1	16	6	4
F.N.D.	3	2	1	0	13	1	5	Preston	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
JUST	3	2	1	0	19	2	5	Sth. Melbourne	2	1	0	1	3	1	2
Moorabbin	3	1	1	1	9	4	3	George Cross	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Brighton	3	1	1	1	11	7	3	Melb. University	2	1	0	1	2	8	2
Olympic	2	1	0	1	5	5	2	Juventus	3	1	0	2	5	13	2
Bentleigh	3	1	0	2	7	14	2	Heidelberg	2	0	0	2	5	20	0
Park Rangers	3	1	0	2	8	13	2	Ringwood	2	0	0	2	0	11	0
Box Hill	2	0	0	2	1	12	0	Yarraville	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Macedonians	3	0	0	3	1	26	0	<b>Third Division Reserves</b>							
<b>Third Division (North)</b>								Williamstown	1	1	0	0	6	1	2
White Eagles	3	3	0	0	21	4	6	Woodlands	2	1	0	1	1	6	2
								Fifers	1	0	0	0	1	0	10
								Olympic	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

## JUNIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLE AS AT APRIL 10, 1950

<b>Under 19 Division</b>												
<b>"A" Division</b>												
Brighton	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	<b>Under 16 Division</b>				
Sth. Yarra	1	1	0	0	5	2	2	Northcote	2	2	0	0
Sand'ham City	2	1	0	1	6	3	2	S. Melb. United	2	2	0	0
A. Apprentices	1	1	0	0	4	3	2	Box Hill	2	2	0	0
S'shine United	2	1	0	1	2	5	2	Brighton	2	2	0	0
Park Rangers	2	0	0	2	3	10	0	S'h'am City	2	1	0	1
Box Hill								Ringwood	2	1	0	1
Hakoah								S'shine United	2	0	0	2
<b>"B" Division</b>												
Preston	2	2	0	0	10	0	14	Preston	2	0	0	2
Yarraville	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	Park Rangers	2	0	0	2
Ringwood	1	1	0	0	3	2	2	South Yarra	2	0	0	2
Ringwood	1	1	0	0	3	2	2	<b>Under 14 Division</b>				
Moorabbin	2	1	0	1	5	5	2	Park Rangers	2	2	0	0
Yallourn	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	Box Hill	2	2	0	0
Coburg	2	1	0	1	2	5	2	West Subs.	2	2	0	0
Juventus	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	S'shine United	2	1	1	0
Metters	2	0	1	1	3	4	1	Coburg	2	1	0	1
S. Melb. United	2	0	0	2	0	5	0	S. Melb Utd 'A'	2	1	0	1
Northcote	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	Bentleigh	2	1	0	1
								Brighton	2	1	0	1
								S'h'am City	2	0	1	1
								S. Melb. Utd. 'B'	2	0	0	2
								Higgett N.F.	2	0	0	2
								Preston	2	0	0	2

Note:—Brighton v. Army Apprentices, and Box Hill v. Hakoah matches not played on April 1. South Yarra v. Box Hill match not played on April 8.

Juventus v. Yarraville match not played on April 1. Yallourn awarded walk-over against Northcote on April 1. Ringwood v. Yallourn match not played on April 8.